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LABOUR
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MEETING WITH UNION LEADERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had called a meeting of trade union leaders, to discuss the issues related to workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent the Government have been able to convince the union leaders that the new labour laws would be beneficial for the workers;

(d) whether the union leaders have agreed to the Government`s proposal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The Government is having continuous interaction with all the stake holders including trade union leaders to discuss all facets of labour related issues. At present, the Government is in the process of tripartite consultations to bring about a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of second National Commission on Labour (NCL), which covered various facets of labour viz. review of laws, social security, women & child labour, skill development, wages, labour administration, unorganised sector, etc. The Report of the Commission was discussed in the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29 September, 2002 in a two day national seminar on unorganised sector workers held on 7-8 November, 2002 and also in a tripartite committee meeting held on 18-19 February, 2003, where all social partners including major central trade union leaders participated. It has also been decided to further discuss the recommendations of NCL including rationalization of labour laws in the ensuing 39th Session of Indian Labour Conference. Such initiatives are necessary for evolving a consensus on important matters relating to labour and to crystallize the views of the Government for implementation of recommendations of the Commission. Given the procedure involved, it is, however, difficult to specify any time limit.